

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



CM/ECF VERSION 2.4 ENHANCEMENTS AND FEATURES

Implementation Scheduled for June 2004

Version 2.4 Summary

Case Opening

Open a BK Case has been modified to disallow the filing of a Chapter 12 case.

Case Opening of an Involuntary Petition

A new menu option has been added to Bankruptcy Events, labeled “Open an Involuntary BK Case.” This option allows the user to add all parties to the case, petitioning creditors as well as the debtor, similarly to an adversary proceeding. Petitioning creditors must be added to the case first, followed by the debtor.



Creditors/Claims

Creditor Maintenance... > Edit Creditors and File Claims

Creditor search is no longer case sensitive. Case is also ignored when the list of creditors is sorted by name; creditor name is now shown before creditor ID, and address information is displayed.




Noticing

Automatic Docketing of the Certificate of Service

Notice of Electronic Filing displays the filed date from the cert file instead of the date entered.

BNC Certificate of service docket entry will display the related document text.

04/09/2004		BNC certificate of mailing of order (Related Doc # [3] Local Bankruptcy Rule Order Dismissing Case) (Admin.)
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Change to B10 (Claim Form) template

Automatic adjustment of certain dollar amounts in the Bankruptcy Code effective April 1, 2004.

Docketing

Batch Filing, Multicase Docketing

Addition of a party will update all cases in the group with that party.

Attorney/Trustee filer can no longer bypass the PDF document prompt.

TermDoc DPF

The ability to terminate documents when docketing functions correctly for Internet Users.

Motions/Applications

Pick list for Motions/Applications no longer contain “Application for”, “Application to”, “Motion for”, “Motion to” but will be listed in alphabetical order according to relief type. (i.e. “Compensation”, “Employ”, “Relief from Stay”, etc.)

Calendar Events Report

Security has been improved.

Cases Report

There is now an “Output Format” selection item. The “Formatted Display” option provides the same report as previously produced; the “Data Only” option allows the user to save the selected data to a file instead of displaying. The file created is a data file record where the fields are separated by the pipe symbol.

Data Only Output File

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04-30017|2004-30017|6454|7|||||03/10/2004|03/10/2004|||||bk||||Henrico|Richmond|Paid|No|||||Anybody Smith|04-03010-DOT|
004|||||bk||||chesterfield|Richmond|Paid|Yes|||||Joseph Wayne Sample and Sarah Lynn Sample|04-30024|2004-30024|6475|13
  
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Claims Register

Deadlines shown on the Claims Register for Proof of Claim and Government Proof of Claim were not always correct. Now, the most recent non-terminated deadline of each type is displayed.

The creditor search is no longer case sensitive. The new behavior is consistent with changes made for Creditor/Claim Maintenance listed on page 2 of this document.

The screenshot shows the 'Claims Register' search interface. It includes the following fields and controls:

- Case number:** A text input field containing '03-70053'.
- Creditor type:** A dropdown menu with 'Creditor' and 'Administrative' as options.
- Creditor name:** A text input field.
- Creditor number:** A text input field.
- Claim number:** Two text input fields separated by 'to'.
- Filed/Entered:** Radio buttons for 'Filed' (selected) and 'Entered'.
- Sort by:** Two dropdown menus, one for 'Claim Number' and one for 'Filed Date'.
- Buttons:** 'Run Report' and 'Clear' buttons at the bottom.

Utilities

Legal Research Menu Items

Previously, items on the Legal Research menu were links to other Web sites. When a user selected one of the items, they would leave the CM/ECF session and could not go back to it. Now, these items point to CM/ECF programs rather than to hyperlinks; when one is selected, a new browser window opens and the CM/ECF session remains. Also, an option for **Lexis/Nexis** has been added to the menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Legal Research' menu within the CM/ECF interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Bankruptcy, Adversary, Query, Reports, Utilities, and Logout, along with a help icon. The 'Legal Research' section lists the following links:

- [Law Dictionary](#)
- [Medical Dictionary](#)
- [Westlaw](#)
- [LexisNexis](#)

Automatic Judge/Trustee Assignment/Scheduling

A new "batch limit" field in the trustee setup records controls the splitting or preservation of batches of cases filed by the same attorney. This feature is currently being used only in the Richmond Division. It will be implemented in the remaining divisions during the Summer of 2004.

Miscellaneous

Free Look at Documents

The Notice of Electronic Filing sent to a user's secondary email addresses now allows for a "free look".

To improve the performance of CM/ECF, the time period for a "free look" has been decreased to 15 days.

PACER Transaction Receipt

Billing transactions did not include enough data to make them unique; as a result the software used by the PACER Service Center to process the transactions was incorrectly deleting some as duplicates. Also, more information has been added to the transaction receipt to provide users with better documentation of the data retrievals they have requested.

U.S. Party/Case Index

Party role and case ID are now part of the extracted data, which allows certain role types to be excluded from party search results.

Security Enhancements

The security of files on the CM/ECF server has been improved.

Database Changes

Party records that contain an alias have data cleared from fields which are not relevant for aliases (e.g., address).

Free_mail records are deleted if they are more than 15 days old or if the free view was used.

The creditor ID in the claims table must now match the ID of a record in the creditor table.